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Indianapolis contractor faces charges for home construction fraud

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced today that criminal charges have been filed against Gary Ogle of BiltRite Homes, LLC, for failing to pay subcontractors on a home construction project in Indianapolis. Ogle has been charged with one count of Corrupt Business Influence (C Felony), six counts of Forgery (Class C Felony), six counts of Perjury (Class D Felony) and three counts of Theft (Class D Felony). The charges are a result of an investigation by the Indiana State Police and the Marion County Prosecutor's Office Grand Jury Division.

According to the probable cause affidavit, Ogle's company, BiltRite Homes, LLC, entered into a construction agreement to rebuild a home damaged in the November 2012 explosion in the Richmond Hill subdivision. Documents retrieved during the investigation indicate that BiltRite received \$242,937 in payments from the victims' mortgage lender for the project.

The probable cause affidavit alleges that some of the funds received by the Ogle's company were intended for, but never paid to subcontractors working on the home. Three subcontractors placed liens against the victims' property due to Ogle's alleged failure to pay.

Between the execution of the contract in March 2013 and the end of that year, 33 checks were written from the BiltRite business account to Gary Ogle or his business partner totaling \$176,453. Of that amount, 19 checks were written to Gary Ogle for \$101,500.

At least \$12,000 in out-of-pocket expenses was incurred by the victims to finish the home.

An initial hearing is scheduled for February 12 at 1:30 p.m. in Criminal Court 1.

A charge of a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.